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Dear Mr. Rainey:

Bill Kluting asked me to drop you a note regarding our work to build support for the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act co-sponsored by Congressman Walden and Congressman Baird.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Nov. 25, 2005 issue of our union's newspaper, The Union Register. See page two for an article on the introduction of HR 4200. We've already forwarded a copy of this article to Representative Walden with our thanks for his leadership on this very important issue.

For your additional information I am enclosing a letter to the editor that appeared in the Vancouver, WA newspaper, The Columbian, re: Congressman Baird's co-sponsorship of HR 4200 with Congressman Walden. Copies of other letters to editors in Mr. Baird's district are also enclosed.

As Bill perhaps told you our union has focused it's energy on buttressing Representative Baird's role due to the severe and wholly unwarranted attack made on him by one or two environmental

groups. Secondly, the UBC and Western Council of Industrial Workers are working to secure more Democratic co-sponsors for HR 4200.

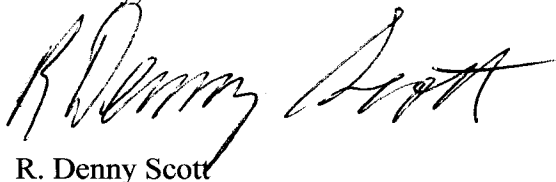
One effort in Roseburg, OR produced 1,100 signatures on a petition to Representative DeFazio asking him to become a co-sponsor (see the enclosed sample petition). We've also done letters and petitions to Representatives Hooley, Dicks, Smith and Larsen. The Carpenters Council in Colorado asked Representative Mark Udall to sign onto the bill. (As you may know there's a severe beetle kill in Colorado forests.)

I provided testimony before the subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C. chaired by Mr. Walden and actually had a few minutes to speak privately with the Congressman. I also met with Doug Crandell.

The UBC legislative representative in Washington D.C. is also working the bill.

I hope this answers any questions you had concerning the role our union is playing to enact HR 4200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Denny Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R. Denny" and the last name "Scott" clearly distinguishable.

R. Denny Scott

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cc: Bill Kluting